OPTIONAL Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes October 2, 2021

#### In Attendance

Committee Members: Dave Anderson, Bob Curley, Vice Chair George Danis, Caitlyn Kirk, Alan MacDonald, Nancy MacDonald, Evan Sheehan, Chair Julie Strehle

**Absent:** Andy McElaney, Davalene Cooper, Brenda Black, Kristen Dziergowski, Tina Sherwood, Matthew Goulet, Sarah Melia

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

At 8:00 am, Chair Julie Strehle called the meeting to order.

## 2. Hear an update on the Foster School Building project

John Ferris, Director of Business and Support Services provided an update on the Foster School Building project. He expects that there will be a Warrant Article for funding for April Town Meeting; the MSBA approval is expected in August 2022. We should have the final construction estimate by June 2022. The MSBA reimbursement is limited to a percentage of an approved construction costs per foot. The MSBA's current approved cost per foot is \$365/SF while market rates are closer to \$400/SF. They are working towards at September 2024 occupancy.

# 3. Discussion with the School Committee and School Administration Re: Annual Planning and Goals

School Superintendent Dr. Maestas presented his goals for the upcoming year. These include a Strategic Plan to guide the schools for the next 3-5 years; budget preparations for 2022-2023; the appointment of a permanent Superintendent and their transition; support for the Foster School project; and community communication enhancements.

- 4. Matters not anticipated within 48 hours of meeting
- 5. Motion to Adjourn at 10:08 am

Vote: Mr. Curley motioned to adjourn. Mr. Sheehan seconded.

**Roll Call Vote** 

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### **Documents Distributed for this Meeting**

Agenda
Goals for Interim Superintendent Dr. Gary Maestas

Respectfully submitted by Nancy MacDonald Advisory Committee Secretary